



To The Permittee, Survivor, or Estate of each Mineral King cabin

From Jim Ingram, President, Mineral King District Association

We 've made progress, but ask you,
please, to return these two colored pages.

This is not about bears!

I'm pleased to report that your Board of Directors accepted these recommendations from it's Action Committee on Sunday, August 7, and supports them fully. The Board made these decisions:

" We accept Congressman Richard Lehman's offer to help us obtain **another one-time-only opportunity to transfer the permit**; we seek that opportunity for all those who were permittees in 1978, including the estates or survivor of those permittees; **we recommend this plan to permittees**; and will poll those permittees prior to making that effort."

The Action Committee has met four times since the '93 Annual meeting and has explored and listed several options which could protect us from, or postpone eviction. This plan is *recommended as one, major, step, and it may take considerable time to obtain.* The Action Committee will continue to work toward this option **and** the others; will channel recommendations through the Board ; and keep you posted.

At this time, we need some information from each permittee (or survivor) before we confer with the Congressman about details. We also need names and addresses of other interested cabin users in your family who might want to be informed as we go along. We want to hear from each permittee before we go forward.

We need to move quickly, however, so please complete 1) Your answers, and 2) The list of others who use your cabin who may be interested in being on our mailing list, and **return them both to us by October 12.**

Thank you sincerely,

Jim, Ingram, President

Enclosures

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Our hopes may go down if we get certain kinds of media coverage.

A national group which works closely with Park Service personnel alerted the Fresno Bee last month to our hopes to remove or modify the eviction clause. Many of the facts and history...which the Action Committee has documented....were missing, and the professionals on the Bee, in D.C. and Fresno were struggling...and still are wondering about our history and present strategies.

At least one of the writers heard about Mineral King and it's past history *for the first time, and been given very little time to write the article.*

Nonetheless, an article appeared in the Bee in early September.

Thanks to those of you who did some (unpaid) "pinch hitting " and commented when the Bee called you.

We're not sure what may be following, however. So **the Committee is ready, and we hope that responses to the press in the future, if requested, will be tied firmly to strategies which the Committee developed with care in the last two years. We implied some of those strategies in the (turquoise) background book which we sent you last year, and have added to them since then.**

We hope that we hear **no more from** the media, because we **could**, overnight, fall into the "national news " without the input we've planned, we could be badly distorted and our hopes **could** suffer a heavy, negative hit.

Could we suggest, if you're contacted about our hope to extend occupancy, that you refer the press person to Ruth Shepherd, spokesperson and Chair of the Action Committee? It might be easy to point out, very cooperatively, that the Committee has done a lot of research, will be happy to provide history and fact, has full support of the Board and huge majority of permittees?

Ruth has had a little bit of experience in dealing with media and worked closely with Congressman Lehman's staff, while the Bee prepared the September article. She **can be reached at (503) 593-3024**, and will return recorded messages within a few hours. Thanks !